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Using Sod

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Although initially more expensive than seed, sod has several advantages. First, the lawn is established faster--two to three weeks to root firmly compared to two to four months for seed.

Second, sod can be put in at midsummer when seeding is difficult. Third, a lawn can be established more readily on a steep slope or terrace with sod. Fourth, sodding can repair a bare area on an already established lawn.

Dutch Elm Disease Season Starts

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University of Minnesota plant pathologists say the Dutch elm disease season is starting.

Samples for testing should be taken from the area in the tree where symptoms are present. This material can be sent to UM Plant Disease Clinic or the Dutch Elm Disease Lab at 670 State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Early, Late Blights

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University of Minnesota extension plant pathologist Frank Pflieger (flee-ger) says recent warm, humid weather has been ideal for development of early blight and late blight on tomato plants.

Early blight symptoms appear as circular dark brown spots on leaflets. Late blight symptoms appear as purple black lesions on leaf, fruit and stem. Humid conditions favor rapid development of this disease. Fungicides, such as maneb and Polyram, are effective in controlling these diseases.

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